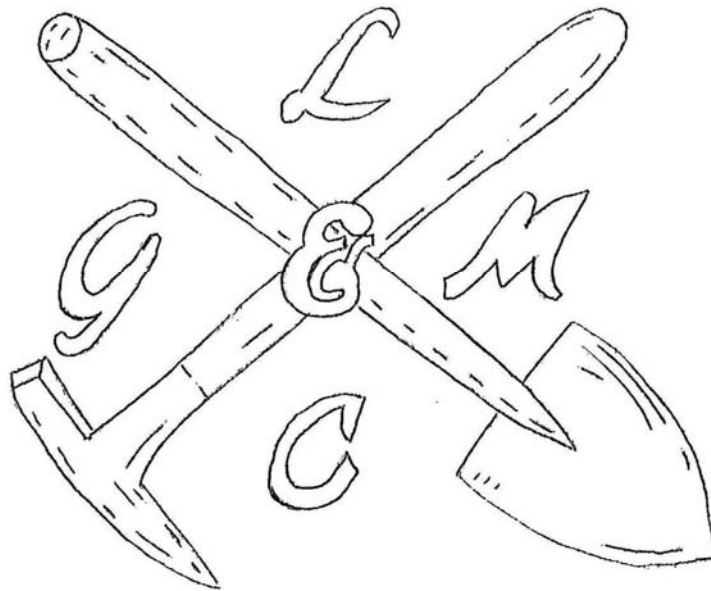


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On our journey back thru the years, in 1966 we have Bruce Simon in the President chair. An able leader, we have another good show, and there is much activity at the University Museum Fossil Hall. Everyone from banker, retired science teacher, retired Air Force Col., jeweler, and on and on, are all busy working--helping the museum staff prepare fossils, and sort and catalogue minerals.

This all takes us to 1965 with Everett Weber as President, and the story of the Nebraska Sea Serpent continues to unfold. Much work done by the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club help the museum display the bones of Plezy! Because--in 1964 the Plesiosaur, the rare fossil reptile is discovered on the Rezac farm near Valparaiso, Nebraska. With enthusiasm, typical of the membership, and the President, Tom Simmons, the help of many willing hands, is offered to Dr. Bertrand Schultz, director of the Museum; and an honorary member also of the club. His comments were --"without their help, I don't know how we would have even been able to move the skeleton! These people were wonderful." These people were "baby-sitters"--with loving care they chipped away, covered sections with plaster of paris, lifted it carefully, freeing it of surrounding rock--they worked on and on--and finally "Plesie", after resting for 120 million years, in his creek bed grave, on a Nebraska farm, now rests at Elephant Hall. The skeleton is there for all to see, this event is world known today, and much complimentary publicity was received by the club.

In 1963 the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club has its first lady President, Mrs. Marie Carveth. In this year the idea for audio-visual cases was developed, with the cases traveling to city and county schools. Mrs. Velma Bloyd, assisted by Tom Simmons, made the presentation in February 1964, to the Supt. of Schools. Mr. Gene Eno and Dorothy Engelhart have spent many hours teaching and lecturing the earth sciences with the school children; thru the visual case of minerals. In 1963 the memorial to deceased members was established. The H.E.L.P. program was being promoted. This is the "Help Eliminate Litter Please" campaign. We receive compliments from Mr. Steen of the Nebraska State Game Commission for our work in this field.

Mrs. Ruth Weber is nominated the "Rock Hound of the Year" of the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club. Miss Adeline Nolde has received her 44th award in jewelry making, this thruout the Midwest and Rocky Mountain shows. Three members travel to Mexico on a rock expedition. This trip took Virg Carveth, Howard Taylor and Mr. Waddle on a very interesting hunt. They brought back Topaz, Opal, Fire Agate--they were ready to go right back. The club donates rocks for cutting to the State Hospital, and we lose Mr. George Wilson, a member and a long time Boy-Scout leader.

1962 brings a junior member, then, a wonderful experience. Young Jim Taylor, age 15, is vacationing with his family at Murfreesboro, Arkansas. To his delight he finds a rock that really sparkles--it is a brown diamond-- $3\frac{1}{2}$  carats, with 48 sides. The gem was shown that year at the 4th annual show. John Lewis is serving as President. Clyde Benham returns from his trip to Mexico. Many of our members travel to Des Moines, Iowa to attend the National Show. Here, the first time our "Gems on Location" are shown, winning a red ribbon (second) in its class.

Dr. Gibson is our leader in 1961 and we have 80 members--all exhibiting at our 3rd show. See how we have grown! Henry Rider of the Museum played numbers on his Bone-a-phone, a musical instrument made of dinosaur bones. Nancy Gibson, age 12, was dressed as an Indian maiden. She modeled Indian jewelry for two days of the show at the National Guard Armory.

In 1960 Virg Carveth was wagon master for many field trips, as well as President of the club. One trip that year, to the area near Weeping Water as guests of Dr. and Mrs. Kunkel yielded many fine Indian artifacts, one arrowhead found by Marie Carveth goes back 1,500 years. Dr. Kunkel has a large and fine collection of Indian pottery. The club was incorporated in 1960; three of the signers are present here tonite--namely, Virg Carveth, Irl Everett, and Frances Tracy. In 1960 the official publication of the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club went to press for the first time. The first edition of the "Pick & Shovel" went into print at the Tracy home with Frances serving as editor. She was assisted by Maurice, and Marie and Virg Carveth. It was June 3 and the Carveth's wedding anniversary. Frances continued until 1964 as editor and Marie has now resigned as reporter after serving 9 years on the paper. We feel this little paper ties together this club in many ways. It has had editors such as Velma Bloyd, Phyllis Parks, and the present editor Norma Miller. Much good reading is found in this paper.

1959 means one of our many interesting field trips to the Ft. Robinson area and the Orella rock beds. We were meeting at Morrill Hall. Irl Everett is our President for the second time.

1958 The late Mr. Beckman enjoyed a busy year as President with many interesting meetings, such as rock-swaps, travelogues and field trips to Cowles Lakes. Mr. and Mrs. Carveth are co-chairman of the membership drive. Our 38 members are an enthusiastic bunch.

1957 28 members -- Richard Hedges is President. Frances Tracy continues to serve as both Secretary and Treasurer. We are an ambitious group. A picnic is held to invite other clubs from Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska. Study groups meet in each others house to work and discuss this new fascinating hobby.

1956 Irl Everett is the second President of this club in it's infancy. Twenty six members sign in. Silversmithing lessons are given by members of the University staff.

Irl Everett has a wonderful sense of humor in his monthly bulletin he mails to the club members--it's title--"The Rockhound Grapevine". And really the art work was terrific. Today it is a collectors item. Irl continued to mail this out until 1960, and we all looked forward to receiving it.

1955 The Year! Important to all of us gathered here. We say a big "thank you" from all of us--we who know the pleasures of this wonderful hobby.

The first invitation was sent in the form of a letter explaining the agate, crystals, rocks, gems. Mr. Irl Everett composed the letter, with the assistance of Mr. Everett Sabin. Irl searched out the names of interested parties by the library book cards--those that took out books on rocks and lapidary were notified of a meeting. Those attending this first meeting decided to form a club. The charter was drawn. Out of the original list we have with us Mr. and Mrs. Tracy, Clyde Benham and Irl Everett. The first President was Maurice Tracy, Vice-President Irl Everett, Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Frances Tracy. The slate of officers--3 people! The faithfulness of these people is to be commended and we feel they should be recognized.

Mr. Waddle announced we had 5 to 10 year membership ribbons to award. These were created by Marie Carveth on royal blue and gold satin ribbons with one gold star. There were 60 members in this category. In the ten year to fifteen year awards, two gold stars were attached to the ribbon, and we have 35 members in this group.

For fifteen years, we awarded the blue and gold with three gold stars to our four Charter Members. These were all presented by Marie Carveth.

Following these honoraries, Mr. Waddle presented Life Memberships to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Tracy, Mr. Clyde Benham, and Mr. Irl Everett. These were done in walnut and brass plaques, shield design, and created by Mr. Waddle; all beautifully done.

The smooth, planned presentation of the Life Membership Awards were interrupted by the gentleman who is responsible for the beginning of the club, in the fact that he was not ashamed to show his sentiment, by shedding a few tears. It is proof to us all (as if we needed any) that this Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club is very dear, and near to his heart; namely, Mr. Irl Everett.

We salute you all, the four charter members present!

A three-branch silver candlebra, with ivory candles, and tied with our club colors, the royal blue and gold, were used during the program. The candles were lighted in memory of all deceased members, and continued to burn during the program. A minute of silence was observed at this time.

A gold orchid corsage, tied with the blue and gold club colors was presented to Mrs. Tracy.

Mrs. Robert Gibson, whose husband served as one of the narrators, received a corsage as well as our new president, Mrs. Parks. The Dr. Gibsons are former members of the LGMC and we thank them for their assistance.

Time limited the length of comments on all of the activities of the club and to mention all of the members individually, and the many, many contributions to the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club would give us an all-day program. Wouldn't that be fun to hear and see, how-ever? An all day work shop? We realized the membership also owns many wonderful slides which we wish we could have used, as it was, the committee sorted thru a very large number of slides. To cover "15" busy years would be an impossibility, in a one hour program. We do thank the Ralph Ulrich's, Richard Hedges, the club library, as well as others for the use of their pictures.

Both the older members as well as the younger ones are thanked by the committee. If anyone was omitted with the ribbon awards, please contact me; we shall immediately correct any over-sight in this area.

Respectively

Compiled by Marie J. Carveth  
Co-Chairman Founders day Program Committee

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Colored Movies on Florida Disneyland - Lloyd Lederer  
"How to Prepare Your Show Exhibit" - Ralph Ulrich & Marie Taylor  
Colored film - "Minerals and Rocks" and "Rocks That Form the Earth's Surface"  
Slides - "Vacationland-Utah" - Maurice and Frances Tracy  
Lecture on "Quartz Gemstones" - Roger Simmons  
Lecture on "Cryptocrystalline Quartz" - Roger Simmons  
Colored film - "The Gifts" narrated by Lorene Greene  
Showing of mineral collection and illustrated talk on experience in tin mines of Bolivia - Delmer Motycka, State Highway Dept.

Field Trips and Picnics

Indoor Field Trip Gemboree - Morrill Hall Auditorium  
Holmesville and Odell  
Rock Swap - 1st and Van Dorn - Camp Miniskuya  
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First Recognition Breakfast

Case of Nebraska<sup>05515</sup> material to Chet Ager Nature Center

Ten display cases loaned to Lincoln High School for their centennial observance

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brief memorial and honor service  
Collection, Preparation and Identification of Vertebrate Fossils,  
by Karen Kreycik and Charles Messenger, Chief Preparators at  
Morrill Hall, University of Nebraska  
MWF slide lecture of Lizzadro Museum  
"Show Case 1972" - Roger and Margaret Simmons  
Slide program presented by Vern Montgomery "Museum of Anthropology,  
Mexico City"  
Slides of the gem and mineral collection from the Smithsonian  
Institute, described by Paul Desautels  
Prairie Skies at the Morrill Hall Planetarium  
Slides of Italy and commentary by Roger Pabian

Field Trips and Picnics

Odell	Wilbur	Fairbury
Keokuk, Iowa	Crawford-Chadron	Marysville, Kansas
Hamburger and steak fry - Hornung Lake		
Hosted State Swap - National Guard Armory Park		

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"Petrified Pebble Pups" - first 4-H Rock Club in Lancaster County  
Marie Wells sponsor

Donation of cabochons for Silver Anniversary of AFMS & Smithsonian  
collection - LGMC contributed the most cabs for this project

Educational cases displayed at Bennett Martin Library

Dr. C. Bertrand Schultz selected to received MWF honorary award for  
the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Scholarship  
Foundation

Fourteenth annual show - State Fair Grounds, Exposition Building

Members displayed at State Rock Show at Hastings

Exhibited at Brandeis auditorium

Winner of traveling trophy - 1st place award in club case competition  
at Sioux City Rock Show

Large specimens donated to The Chet Ager Nature Center for their  
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Honorable Mention Certificate - All American Club award

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Peace Corp Experience in Heart of Brazilian Gem Land - Joe Rott  
Lancaster County Heart Mobile Unit  
Thoughts on Sandhill Geology by James Swineheart  
Microphotography - slide lecture by Roger Pabian  
Slides of Shows Attended by Frank and Tom Rule

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Odell and Wymore  
Pot luck supper - Dick Hornung's Lake  
Weeping Water  
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Gateway Shopping Center's Hobby Show  
Nebraska State Fair  
North Platte State Show  
Sioux City Rock Show

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AFMS Show at Charlotte, North Carolina

MWF Convention - Cincinnati, Ohio

Helped finance Field Guides published by State of Nebraska

Published our own first field guide for club member's use

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Preparation of 8634 registration packets for National Show  
Dr. Don Edwards, University Engineering Dept. - Pictures taken by Earth Satellite Resources Technology  
Dr. Samuel Treves, University of Nebraska, illustrated talk on work being done by the Dry Valley Drilling Expedition in Antarctic  
Sandra Wright & Mary Green, members of The Petrified Pebble Pups 4-H Club - Illustrated talk on Rockhound Safety  
Dr. Lloyd Tanner, Uni. of Nebr. - slides of expedition in Egypt in search of Aegyptopithecus Zeuxis, ancestor of the earliest apes  
Dr. Robert Nelson, Uni. of Nebr. Geology Dept - Crystal Systems  
How we use them for mineral identification & how crystals are formed  
Tom Rule - Slides of the National Show

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In 1968 with Howard Taylor as President, we have a fine year. One honor coming to the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club is the award from the Midwest Federation, citing us for Public Service and Public Relations. Also a first place award in the Lapidary Class to the club, at the Lincoln Hobby Show. Lee Stachura, a member, conducts Silversmithing at the Lincoln High School, and John Lewis continues his lapidary classes thru City Recreation 3 nights a week. Mrs. Whitmarsh, a member since the first year, passes away.

1967 -- That means one big party. With Gene Eno as our President, we plan the Centennial Show. The Rockrama! Howard Taylor serves as show chairman, and with much cooperation from the membership, we give the public a fabulous show. Early pioneer costumes were worn by the members, mountain men with whiskers made their appearance.

Gov. Tiemann declares the Blue Agate as the state gem, the Prairie Agate the state stone, and the Mammoth becomes the state fossil. The Governor also issues the proclamation that: Sept. 22, 23 & 24 of 1967, shall be known as Centennial Rockrama Days in Nebraska. Secretary of State Frank Marsh impresses the Great Seal of Nebraska upon this proclamation. The Rockrama was held 3 days and Jerrold Kohn won the Governors trophy, awarded for the most effective use of Nebraska materials. Jerry featured Nebraska petrified wood. Another feature of the show that year, was the Linde Star Coronation necklace, worn to Queen Elizabeth's Coronation in Westminster Abbey in 1953. It is valued at \$25,000. This necklace was in the antique design of laurel leaves of green, yellow and white gold. The ruby weighs approximately 90 carats. We all remember the beautiful jewel! We also remember Jerry Kohn delivering it for safe keeping to the Police Station in a brown paper bag. Groovy-e-y, Jerry! Miss Mary Claus, the daughter of the Fred Claus was named "Miss Rockrama of 1967". This year too, was our last year to participate in the Nebraskaland parade. We featured the Blue Agate --a replica--a huge faceted gem, created by the Carveths and Ralph Ulrich, in the Carveth's garage! A large Prairie Agate and the Mammoth head, complete with tusks, complete our float; this the work of the Bloyds and Engelhart. The float draws much comment along the parade route. We receive the Nebraskaland Days "Big Howdy Award" for our efforts. "Good ole" Tom Simmons comes forth again with his truck to pull the float down the parade route!

On our journey back thru the years, in 1966 we have Bruce Simon in the President chair. An able leader, we have another good show, and there is much activity at the University Museum Fossil Hall. Everyone from banker, retired science teacher, retired Air Force Col., jeweler, and on and on, are all busy working-helping the museum staff prepare fossils, and sort and catalogue minerals.

This all takes us to 1965 with Everett Weber as President, and the story of the Nebraska Sea Serpent continues to unfold. Much work done by the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club help the museum display the bones of Plezy! Because--in 1964 the Plesiosaur, the rare fossil reptile is discovered on the Rezac farm near Valparaiso, Nebraska. With enthusiasm, typical of the membership, and the President, Tom Simmons, the help of many willing hands, is offered to Dr. Bertrand Schultz, director of the Museum; and an honorary member also of the club. His comments were --"without their help, I don't know how we would have even been able to move the skeleton! These people were wonderful." These people were "baby-sitters"--with loving care they chipped away, covered sections with plaster of paris, lifted it carefully, freeing it of surrounding rock--they worked on and on--and finally "Plesie", after resting for 120 million years, in his creek bed grave, on a Nebraska farm, now rests at Elephant Hall. The skeleton is there for all to see, this event is world known today, and much complimentary publicity was received by the club.

In 1963 the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club has its first lady President, Mrs. Marie Carveth. In this year the idea for audio-visual cases was developed, with the cases traveling to city and county schools. Mrs. Velma Bloyd, assisted by Tom Simmons, made the presentation in February 1964, to the Supt. of Schools. Mr. Gene Eno and Dorothy Engelhart have spent many hours teaching and lecturing the earth sciences with the school children; thru the visual case of minerals. In 1963 the memorial to deceased members was established. The H.E.L.P. program was being promoted. This is the "Help Eliminate Litter Please" campaign. We receive compliments from Mr. Steen of the Nebraska State Game Commission for our work in this field.

Mrs. Ruth Weber is nominated the "Rock Hound of the Year" of the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club. Miss Adeline Nolde has received her 44th award in jewelry making, this thruout the Midwest and Rocky Mountain shows. Three members travel to Mexico on a rock expedition. This trip took Virg Carveth, Howard Taylor and Mr. Waddle on a very interesting hunt. They brought back Topaz, Opal, Fire Agate--they were ready to go right back. The club donates rocks for cutting to the State Hospital, and we lose Mr. George Wilson, a member and a long time Boy-Scout leader.

1962 brings a junior member, then, a wonderful experience. Young Jim Taylor, age 15, is vacationing with his family at Murfreesboro, Arkansas. To his delight he finds a rock that really sparkles--it is a brown diamond-- $3\frac{1}{2}$  carats, with 48 sides. The gem was shown that year at the 4th annual show. John Lewis is serving as President. Clyde Benham returns from his trip to Mexico. Many of our members travel to Des Moines, Iowa to attend the National Show. Here, the first time our "Gems on Location" are shown, winning a red ribbon (second) in its class.

Dr. Gibson is our leader in 1961 and we have 80 members--all exhibiting at our 3rd show. See how we have grown! Henry Rider of the Museum played numbers on his Bone-a-phone, a musical instrument made of dinosaur bones. Nancy Gibson, age 12, was dressed as an Indian maiden. She modeled Indian jewelry for two days of the show at the National Guard Armory.

In 1960 Virg Carveth was wagon master for many field trips, as well as President of the club. One trip that year, to the area near Weeping Water as guests of Dr. and Mrs. Kunkel yielded many fine Indian artifacts, one arrowhead found by Marie Carveth goes back 1,500 years. Dr. Kunkel has a large and fine collection of Indian pottery. The club was incorporated in 1960; three of the signers are present here tonite--namely, Virg Carveth, Irl Everett, and Frances Tracy. In 1960 the official publication of the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club went to press for the first time. The first edition of the "Pick & Shovel" went into print at the Tracy home with Frances serving as editor. She was assisted by Maurice, and Marie and Virg Carveth. It was June 3 and the Carveth's wedding anniversary. Frances continued until 1964 as editor and Marie has now resigned as reporter after serving 9 years on the paper. We feel this little paper ties together this club in many ways. It has had editors such as Velma Bloyd, Phyllis Parks, and the present editor Norma Miller. Much good reading is found in this paper.

1959 means one of our many interesting field trips to the Ft. Robinson area and the Orella rock beds. We were meeting at Morrill Hall. Irl Everett is our President for the second time.

1958 The late Mr. Beckman enjoyed a busy year as President with many interesting meetings, such as rock-swaps, travelogues and field trips to Cowles Lakes. Mr. and Mrs. Carveth are co-chairman of the membership drive. Our 38 members are an enthusiastic bunch.

1957 28 members -- Richard Hedges is President. Frances Tracy continues to serve as both Secretary and Treasurer. We are an ambitious group. A picnic is held to invite other clubs from Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska. Study groups meet in each others house to work and discuss this new fascinating hobby.

1956 Irl Everett is the second President of this club in it's infancy. Twenty six members sign in. Silversmithing lessons are given by members of the University staff.

Irl Everett has a wonderful sense of humor in his monthly bulletin he mails to the club members--it's title--"The Rockhound Grapevine". And really the art work was terrific. Today it is a collectors item. Irl continued to mail this out until 1960, and we all looked forward to receiving it.

1955 The Year! Important to all of us gathered here. We say a big "thank you" from all of us--we who know the pleasures of this wonderful hobby.

The first invitation was sent in the form of a letter explaining the agate, crystals, rocks, gems. Mr. Irl Everett composed the letter, with the assistance of Mr. Everett Sabin. Irl searched out the names of interested parties by the library book cards--those that took out books on rocks and lapidary were notified of a meeting. Those attending this first meeting decided to form a club. The charter was drawn. Out of the original list we have with us Mr. and Mrs. Tracy, Clyde Benham and Irl Everett. The first President was Maurice Tracy, Vice-President Irl Everett, Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Frances Tracy. The slate of officers--3 people! The faithfulness of these people is to be commended and we feel they should be recognized.

Mr. Waddle announced we had 5 to 10 year membership ribbons to award. These were created by Marie Carveth on royal blue and gold satin ribbons with one gold star. There were 60 members in this category. In the ten year to fifteen year awards, two gold stars were attached to the ribbon, and we have 35 members in this group.

For fifteen years, we awarded the blue and gold with three gold stars to our four Charter Members. These were all presented by Marie Carveth.

Following these honoraries, Mr. Waddle presented Life Memberships to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Tracy, Mr. Clyde Benham, and Mr. Irl Everett. These were done in walnut and brass plaques, shield design, and created by Mr. Waddle; all beautifully done.

The smooth, planned presentation of the Life Membership Awards were interrupted by the gentleman who is responsible for the beginning of the club, in the fact that he was not ashamed to show his sentiment, by shedding a few tears. It is proof to us all (as if we needed any) that this Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club is very dear, and near to his heart; namely, Mr. Irl Everett.

We salute you all, the four charter members present!

A three-branch silver candlebra, with ivory candles, and tied with our club colors, the royal blue and gold, were used during the program. The candles were lighted in memory of all deceased members, and continued to burn during the program. A minute of silence was observed at this time.

A gold orchid corsage, tied with the blue and gold club colors was presented to Mrs. Tracy.

Mrs. Robert Gibson, whose husband served as one of the narrators, received a corsage as well as our new president, Mrs. Parks. The Dr. Gibsons are former members of the LGMC and we thank them for their assistance.

Time limited the length of comments on all of the activities of the club and to mention all of the members individually, and the many, many contributions to the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club would give us an all-day program. Wouldn't that be fun to hear and see, how-ever ? An all day work shop ? We realized the membership also owns many wonderful slides which we wish we could have used, as it was, the committee sorted thru a very large number of slides. To cover "15" busy years would be an impossibility, in a one hour program. We do thank the Ralph Ulrich's, Richard Hedges, the club library, as well as others for the use of their pictures.

Both the older members as well as the younger ones are thanked by the committee. If anyone was omitted with the ribbon awards, please contact me; we shall immediately correct any over-sight in this area.

Respectively

Compiled by Marie J. Carveth  
Co-Chairman Founders day Program Committee

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 1971

### OFFICERS

President	Phyllis Parks
First Vice-President	Marie Wells
Second Vice-President	Roger Pabian
Recording Secretary	Evelyn Ulrich
Treasurer	Ralph Ulrich
Board Member	Irl Everett
Board Member	Don Lawson
Board Member	George McGinnis
Board Member	James Parks

Standing Committee Chairman  
Liaison  
Historian  
Librarian  
Bulletin Editor

Marie Wells  
Frances Tracy  
Katherine Ulrich  
Norma Miller

### Place of Meetings

W.O.W. Building, 734 So. 27th Street

### Programs

Colored Movie - "Rise and Fall of the Great Lakes"  
Colored Movies on Florida Disneyland - Lloyd Lederer  
"How to Prepare Your Show Exhibit" - Ralph Ulrich & Marie Taylor  
Colored film - "Minerals and Rocks" and "Rocks That Form the Earth's Surface"  
Slides - "Vacationland-Utah" - Maurice and Frances Tracy  
Lecture on "Quartz Gemstones" - Roger Simmons  
Lecture on "Cryptocrystalline Quartz" - Roger Simmons  
Colored film - "The Gifts" narrated by Lorene Greene  
Showing of mineral collection and illustrated talk on experience in tin mines of Bolivia - Delmer Motycka, State Highway Dept.

### Field Trips and Picnics

Indoor Field Trip Gemboree - Morrill Hall Auditorium  
Holmesville and Odell  
Rock Swap - 1st and Van Dorn - Camp Miniskuya  
Osborne, Kansas  
Pie Social

### Other Highlights

Continued participation  
Workshop at Uni. of Nebr. Museum - Preparation of fossils  
General Mills coupons for AFMS Scholarship Fund  
"Help Eliminate Litter Please" campaign  
Representative working with Community Arts Council

Other Highlights Continued - 1971

"THE PICKER & SHOVEL" won seventh place in Midwest Federation Bulletin Contest

Roger Pabian appointed education chairman for Midwest Federation

Lectures given to children of Riley, Park and Havelock Schools

Thirteenth Annual Show - May 8 & 9 - Exposition Bldg., State Fair Grounds

First Recognition Breakfast

Case of Nebraska material to Chet Ager Nature Center

Ten display cases loaned to Lincoln High School for their centennial observance

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 1972

### OFFICERS

President	Marie Wells
First Vice-President	Roger Pabian
Second Vice-President	Ralph Ulrich
Recording Secretary	Luella Paul
Treasurer (2 months)	Fred Day
(10 months)	Tam Dutcher
Board Member	Irl Everett
Board Member	James Parks
Board Member	Tom Simmons
Board Member	Howard Taylor

Standing committee chairman  
Liaison  
Historian  
Librarian  
Bulletin Editor

Glenna McGinnis  
Frances Tracy  
Katherine Ulrich  
Norma Miller

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### Programs

Seventeenth Anniversary - Review-Preview about LGMC activities  
brief memorial and honor service  
Collection, Preparation and Identification of Vertebrate Fossils,  
by Karen Kreycik and Charles Messenger, Chief Preparators at  
Morrill Hall, University of Nebraska  
MWF slide lecture of Lizzadro Museum  
"Show Case 1972" - Roger and Margaret Simmons  
Slide program presented by Vern Montgomery "Museum of Anthropology,  
Mexico City"  
Slides of the gem and mineral collection from the Smithsonian  
Institute, described by Paul Desautels  
Prairie Skies at the Morrill Hall Planetarium  
Slides of Italy and commentary by Roger Pabian

### Field Trips and Picnics

Odell	Wilbur	Fairbury
Keokuk, Iowa	Crawford-Chadron	Marysville, Kansas
Hamburger and steak fry - Hornung Lake		
Hosted State Swap - National Guard Armory Park		

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 1972 CONTINUED

### Other Highlights

Continued participation

General Mills coupons for AFMS Scholarship Foundation

Workshop at University of Nebraska - Preparation of fossils

"Help Eliminate Litter Please" campaign

Representative working with Community Arts Council

"Petrified Pebble Pups" - first 4-H Rock Club in Lancaster County  
Marie Wells sponsor

Donation of cabochons for Silver Anniversary of AFMS & Smithsonian  
collection - LGMC contributed the most cabs for this project

Educational cases displayed at Bennett Martin Library

Dr. C. Bertrand Schultz selected to received MWF honorary award for  
the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Scholarship  
Foundation

Fourteenth annual show - State Fair Grounds, Exposition Building

Members displayed at State Rock Show at Hastings

Exhibited at Brandeis auditorium

Winner of traveling trophy - 1st place award in club case competition  
at Sioux City Rock Show

Large specimens donated to The Chet Ager Nature Center for their  
displays and trails for the blind

Honorable Mention Certificate - All American Club award

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 1973

### OFFICERS

President	Roger Pabian
First Vice-President	Ralph Ulrich
Second Vice-President	Don Lawson
Recording Secretary	Nelda Oliver
Treasurer	James Parks
Board Member	Tom Simmons
Board Member	Howard Taylor
Board Member	Don Eckel
Board Member	John Harrison
Standing committee chairman	
Liaison	Roger Simmons
Historian	Frances Tracy
Librarian	Katherine Ulrich
Bulletin Editor	Evelyn Ulrich

### Place of Meetings

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### Programs

Mineral Uses in Medicine and Cosmetics - Dr. R. D. Gibson, Dean of the College of Pharmacy  
Peace Corp Experience in Heart of Brazilian Gem Land - Joe Rott  
Lancaster County Heart Mobile Unit  
Thoughts on Sandhill Geology by James Swineheart  
Microphotography - slide lecture by Roger Pabian  
Slides of Shows Attended by Frank and Tom Rule

### Field Trips and Picnics

Odell and Wymore  
Pot luck supper - Dick Hornung's Lake  
Weeping Water  
Annual Rock Swap  
Ft. Robinson  
Annual Christmas party and dinner

### Other Highlights

Continued participation  
Workshop at University of Nebraska - preparation of fossils  
General Mills Coupons for AFMS Scholarship Fund  
"Help Eliminate Litter Please" campaign  
Representative working with Community Art Council

Fifteenth annual show - State Fair Grounds, Exposition Building

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1973 CONTINUED

Display cases shown by members  
Hickman Old Settler's Picnic  
Madonna Home's Summer Festival  
Gateway Shopping Center's Hobby Show  
Nebraska State Fair  
North Platte State Show  
Sioux City Rock Show

MWF Convention - Nebraska State Exhibit

"THE PICK & SHOVEL" second place winner of MWF Bulletin Contest

Howard Taylor elected president of Nebr. Assn. of Earth Science Clubs, Inc.

Howard Taylor elected second vice-president of Midwest Federation

Winner of Sioux Land traveling trophy for second year

Representatives attended

AFMS Show at Charlotte, North Carolina  
MWF Convention - Cincinnati, Ohio

Helped finance Field Guides published by State of Nebraska

Published our own first field guide for club member's use

Pebble Pups exhibited at County Fair

One Hundred Dollars donated to the Neihardt Center at Bancroft,  
Nebr. in memory of honorary member, Dr. John G. Neihardt

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 1974

### OFFICERS

President	Ralph Ulrich
First Vice-President	Frank Rule
Second Vice-President	Larry Bigley
Recording Secretary	Neldo Oliver
Treasurer	John Harrison
Board Member	Norma Miller
Board Member	Tom Simmons
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Standing committee chairman	
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Historian	Frances Tracy
Librarian	Joella Olson
Bulletin Editor	Evelyn Ulrich

### Place of Meetings

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### Programs

Dr. Carroll Moore, Nebr. Wesleyan Physics Dept. - Illustrated talk on comets  
Preparation of 8634 registration packets for National Show  
Dr. Don Edwards, University Engineering Dept. - Pictures taken by Earth Satellite Resources Technology  
Dr. Samuel Treves, University of Nebraska, illustrated talk on work being done by the Dry Valley Drilling Expedition in Antarctic  
Sandra Wright & Mary Green, members of The Petrified Pebble Pups 4-H Club - Illustrated talk on Rockhound Safety  
Dr. Lloyd Tanner, Uni. of Nebr. - slides of expedition in Egypt in search of Aegyptopithecus Zeuxis, ancestor of the earliest apes  
Dr. Robert Nelson, Uni. of Nebr. Geology Dept - Crystal Systems  
How we use them for mineral identification & how crystals are formed  
Tom Rule - Slides of the National Show

### Field Trips and Picnics

Picnic - University Place Park  
Post-show dinner at East Hills County Club  
Rock Swap  
Weeping Water  
Wyoming and Crawford area  
Annual Christmas dinner and party

### Other Highlights

Continued participation  
Workshop at University of Nebraska - preparation of fossils  
General Mills Coupons for AFMS Scholarship Fund  
Representative working with Community Arts Council

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1974 CONTINUED

Display cases shown by members

7 branches of the City Library

First National Bank

MWF-AFMS National Show & Convention & Nebraska State Show - June 13-16

Irl Everett - Show Director

Ralph Ulrich - Steering Committee Chairman

Attendance - 46,000 733 displays (largest on record)

Frank Krejci - National award winner in his class

First Day Issuance of Mineral Heritage Stamps